

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
June 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Eckert at 7:10 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, and Asklund. Absent Trustees Mumma and Tarter.

GUESTS: William Bolger, Leo Clennon, Dave Traxler, Paul Brady, Bob Rice, Susan Helmink, Christine Walsh, Dave Phillippe, Matt Robert and Paul Hendren.

MINUTES: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to approve the meeting minutes of May 12, 2010. Voice vote; all "ayes," motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

PAUL HENDREN: Attorney Hendren explained a Board motion would be needed to complete the easement agreement for the Cleveland Street drainage project. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to authorize President Eckert and Clerk Kirby sign the easement agreement. Trustee Pat Pioletti asked if this is a normal easement agreement, to which Paul replied it was routine. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously. Dave Phillippe will instruct D.J. Stewart to start the project tomorrow.

Dave Phillippe stated the 2010 MFT program was approved at the last meeting and IDOT approved it as well. This was put out for bid in the *News -Gazette* with a bid opening scheduled for June 14, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at the REFMC. The Board should consider a special meeting, since the first opportunity to act would be July 14th (2nd Wednesday of the month), to presumably sign the MFT documents. If necessary, President Eckert appointed Trustee Larry Franks to sign the document.

Trustee Pioletti asked if residents get a courtesy notice. President Eckert replied they do not, and Dave Traxler indicated the Village has not had any problems in the past. President Eckert suggested giving reporter Christine Walsh information as to which streets are affected to include in her article.

Trustee Franks reiterated his concerns discussed at a prior meeting about the recent water work repairs. President Eckert said Josh Gabeheart wants to come to the Village and suggested inviting him to our July meeting to answer questions in regard to their intent to fix the streets, making them like they were before the work. Trustee Franks said he didn't want any surprises.

Dave Traxler said they are working on getting everything tied in and said the two projects (Route 130 drainage project and Aqua Illinois' new water line project) are not a problem. They are finished removing trees.

President Eckert noted that Judy and Paul have been working to complete the Appropriations Ordinance, adding that the ordinance is being restructured. It will be ready for consideration at the July 14, 2010, meeting.

Paul explained each municipality is now required to appoint an FOIA officer, which must complete training for the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act. President Eckert volunteered for this duty. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield, to designate Craig Eckert as the Village of Philo FOIA and OMA officer. Voice vote; all "aye's," motion carried unanimously.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave reported they picked up 5 or 6 loads of brush. He also stated six dumpsters were filled on Dumpster Day. Bob Roberts was the person that sorted out metal objects and agreed to have it all picked up from the drop site.

The soggy soil problem at the Farrugia residence is a septic problem. The homeowner indicated she just had the septic pumped out. President Eckert will notify the homeowner it is still a problem.

Dave presented the Board with a bid from Tim Kraft for replacing the existing gym lights with new, more efficient ones. Recently, one fixture went out and it was determined there are no longer replacement parts for the lights. Dave also had grant application papers for Trustees Tarter and Pioletti. Replacement of all of the lights would take approximately one and a half days. Trustee Pioletti asked if we participated in, or were aware of, the State of Illinois' joint purchasing vendor with municipalities. It was decided to table any decision on replacing all of the gym lights.

The estimated cost for the concrete slab at the basketball pole at Hazen Park was \$8,000.00. The Board decided there was no way they could do it this year. Trustee Pioletti asked if \$5,000 was out of the limit or range. President Eckert said he valued the sports thing, but gym lights would be better to do. He suggested we investigate grants for parks for the concrete slab. Steve Sappenfield said some residents had suggested making that a parking area, but the Board already decided to use this area for warm-up, etc. Water is still standing there and the soil that was added needs to settle.

The handrails at the north entrance to the REFMC have been painted. Judy reported the fire resistant file cabinet has been received.

MATT ROBERT: Matt presented the Philo Fall Festival's plan for designating the area for the liquor license. He explained they want to be fair to both establishments and allow people to walk on main street (Washington Street) with liquor. They will use cattle gates, no security required, but wrist bands will be required. Trustee Pioletti clarified saying it would be open carry, but no carry in. The dram shop will name their group, Philo Fall Festival, Village of Philo and Philo Tavern and be purchased through Lon Tay. The event is only on Saturday. Matt stated he needs to write a non-profit constitution. Paul Hendren felt the plan should be reviewed by the Board and the liquor commissioner.

President Eckert's question to Paul Hendren was if there would be a problem with towing vehicles out of the area, if they were left there Friday evening.

PORTA-POTTY ISSUE: There is an outstanding bill for the portable bathrooms used at last year's festival. The Village bill for rentals came several months late and Clerk Kirby realized the Village was billed for the ones ordered by the Festival Committee, as well as the ones we rented. At that time, she asked those charges be separated and billed to the correct entities. After much discussion, the Board agreed to pay ½ of the old bill and be reimbursed if the Fall Festival group makes a profit this year. Trustee Franks asked Susan Helmink to look into the cost of porta potties and report at the July 14th meeting.

BOB RICE: Bob said his typewriter is broken and added he completed his report by hand. Mr. Rice also stated he corrected page one of the Village's annual report and on his regular monthly report some columns were not complete, because he is working on codes. Bob indicated a \$15,000 transfer from one of the CD's would be necessary to cover June expenses. His other report noted changes and Bob pointed out that income and sales tax income was down from the prior year. A summary of his projections was also in his handout material. President Eckert said at the rate we keep drawing on CD's, we won't be able to have money we want to designate for major capital projects. Craig believes we need to be more careful with spending.

OLD BUSINESS: President Eckert reminded everyone that Congressman Tim Johnson will hold a town meeting at the Franks Meeting Center on June 28th.

Trustee Franks had questions about the policy on sidewalks. He thinks if residents want to replace sidewalks and offer to pay half the cost it should be looked at differently than if the Village proposes to complete a sidewalk project. The Village should not expect residents to pay in that situation, such as the Hayes Street to St. Thomas Church sidewalk project. The Board agreed with Trustee Franks' suggestion.

Trustee Pioletti reported he looked into the antenna issue and said Deputy Clerk Helmink has the application. Pat spoke with Greg Abbott, radio guru at Med cad and he concurred we should move ahead and not take much time to get this resolved. Susan said Allan Miller is working on the application. There are still questions on the narrow banding and Allan is trying to clarify. Trustee Pioletti stated we are mandated to do by deadline.

Trustee Pioletti called various State agencies in regard to key chains. The Illinois State Police will donate 100 key chains and emery boards. The Philo Fall Festival was not on their schedule when Pat spoke with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

None of the Trustees present had anything to discuss.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee L.R. Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Voice vote, all "aye's," motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT